



Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues - Infrastructure SPC meeting held on 29 September 2020

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 29 September 2020 and the following items were considered:

- Local Link Tipperary – Transport Co-Ordination Unit, presentation by Manager, Mr. Anthony Moroney
- Policy discussion – Urban raised pedestrian crossings/raised turntables at junctions within our towns and villages
- Policy discussion – Provision of disabled parking spaces on public street – agreed to develop policy on this matter
- Next meeting scheduled for 7 December 2020

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	Submission on N24 to NPF. Two no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2027: - Waterford to Cahir, - Cahir to Limerick Junction. Project Appraisal Plans submitted to and approved by SRAD for both sections. Arup appointed on 22 nd October 2019 for Cahir to Limerick Junction Section.	<u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Consultants Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phase 1 to 4. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility is underway and is programmed for completion at the end of 2020. <u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Consultants Arup appointed in 2019 to complete Phase 1 to 4. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility completed in September 2020; Phase 2: Option selection has commenced and is due to be completed by April 2022. Presentation to full Council on the constraints study area planned for January 2021 in TCC MD, followed by public consultation.
Capital Programme 2020	Implementation of Capital Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.



Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2020	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Rural and Community Schemes (CIS, LIS, CLÁR)	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department	CLÁR 2020 – 3 schemes recently approved, to be progressed in 2021 2020 CIS Scheme - Allocation €1,194,000 2020 LIS Scheme – Allocation €599,969
Consultation	Continued consultation with TII, DTTAS, Elected Members and staff	Annual Meeting with TII held on 3rd November 2020. Cathaoirligh of the Council and each Municipal District, Mayor of Clonmel Borough, chair of Infrastructure SPC and Roads Management participated in the meeting.
Public Lighting	Public lighting policy adopted in May 2018	Implementation of policy ongoing
Road Safety	First all-county strategy adopted in June 2018	Implement Strategy in conjunction with Road Safety Together Working Group. New strategy to be developed in 2021.
2020 National Roads Allocations	Initial allocation €6,262,116 Estimated Outturn >€9 million	Circulated to members
2020 Regional and Local Roads Allocations	Initial allocation €28,946,723 Estimated Outturn >€33 million	



Department of Tourism Transport and Sport (DTTAS)
REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS 2020

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2020	
Restoration Improvement	€14,343,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€1,576,500
Discretionary Grant	€4,796,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€627,000
Specific Imp. Grants	€700,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€200,000
Safety Improvement Works	€543,000
Speed Limits	€40,170
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,053
Community Improvement Scheme	€1,194,000
Hedge Cutting Pilot Scheme	€15,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Former National Roads	€1,000,000
Total Allocation	€28,946,723



NATIONAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS 2020

Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2020	
Improvement	Allocations 2020
National Primary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€20,000
Major Scheme	€525,000
Pavement	€1,360,000
National Secondary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€150,000
Major Scheme	€500,000
Pavement	€2,530,000
Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Improvement Programme	€325,000
Total Improvement Allocations 2020	€5,410,000
Maintenance	Allocations 2020
Total National Primary Maintenance	€370,481
Total National Secondary Maintenance	€393,335
Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme	€88,300
Total Maintenance Allocations 2020	€852,116
Total of 2020 National Roads Allocations	€6,262,116



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works	Construction commenced in November 2018 and is expected to be completed in December 2020. Final road surfacing work and footpath works on the Main Street and on Birr Road have been completed, removal of overhead cabling and erecting new public lighting on Main Street is at an advanced stage. Protection works to an existing culvert at bottom of Main Street substantially completed.	Completion of culvert protection works on the N52 and underground preservation /strengthening works for the culvert; completion of footpaths and road re-surfacing at the N52/N65 junction and on N52 Birr Road at bottom of the Main Street; completion of overhead cabling removal and erection of new public lighting on Main Street.
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme.	The next phase will involve ground investigations and specialist geotechnical advice in order to further inform the design team of the available options.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme was originally intended to be a realignment of 0.6km section of the N65 on the southern approach to Carrigahorig village. The scheme has since developed into a pavement improvement scheme which deals with a number of road safety issues in the village and will also involve the provision of an extension of footpath from the village to the R493 Terryglass Road. Preliminary design work has been completed.	It is anticipated that detailed design work and a formal submission to TII will progress early in 2021.
Thurles Municipal District		
Thurles bypass	Response received from TII to Plenary Council letter of September 2018, Thurles bypass is not on the National Capital Plan.	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves improvement of National Secondary route between the Dunnes Roundabout and junction with Liberty Square. Topographical and Pavement Condition Surveys complete. Consultants appointed, draft design 95% completed.	Design to be completed and Part 8 to be advertised in 2021.
N62 Templemore approach roads	Two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town. N62 Templemore (Thurles Road) – The scheme starts at the junction of the N62 and the R501 and continues south for approximately 2km.	Works commenced in November 2020 and will be completed before the end of the year.



N62 Templemore approach roads	Two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town. N62 Templemore (Roscrea Road) – The scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 400m of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary road on the northern approach to Templemore.	Design work is underway and it is expected that construction will commence in Q2/Q3 2021.
N62 Crescent to new roundabout Roscrea	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 0.5km of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary road within the town of Roscrea.	Works commenced in November 2020 and will be completed before the end of the year.
N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 4.1km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South.	The scheme is currently at preliminary design stage.

Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. Part 8 Planning approved by TCC at Carrick on Suir Municipal District meeting in July 2020. Design work is being undertaken by Tramore House Road Design Office.	Detailed design and contract documents are in preparation for Tender.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village, improvements to footpaths, landscaping and pavement strengthening. Feasibility Report submitted to TII for approval. Draft Preliminary Design report prepared and Draft Part 8 prepared. Site Investigations ongoing.	Subject to Feasibility Report approval, submission to TII of preliminary design report to be followed by a Part 8 Planning process.
Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. A Compulsory Purchase Order was advertised in September 2020 and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval.	An Bord Pleanála approval to confirm CPO received on 17 November 2020. Subject to finance availability, proceed with preparation of Tender documents.
N24 Main Street and N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves a significant upgrade to the public realm through the centre of Tipperary town between Church Street and Cashel Road. The scheme is 1.6km in length and encompasses two national routes through the town, the N24 and N74 and proposes:	Part 8 Planning report to be considered by Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.6km of new road pavement; • upgrade of road layout on the N24 Main Street and N74 Fr Mathew Street; • widening of footways with new paving along N24 Main Street/Bank Place and along N74 Fr. Mathew Street/Cashel Road; • new footways between James Connolly Park and St. Michael's Avenue (West) and between St. Michael's Avenue (East) and St. Michael's Cemetery car park • upgrade of the car park at St. Michael's Cemetery; • upgrade of public lighting along N74 Fr. Mathew Street/Cashel Road; • localised drainage upgrades; • enhanced soft and hard landscaping throughout the scheme; • the provision of upgraded street furniture; • new town gateway signage at the existing 60kph speed limit on N74 Cashel Road. <p>Preliminary design work has been completed and the Part 8 was published in October 2020. Formal public consultation on the Part 8 will be completed by the end of November 2020.</p>	
N24 Davitt Street Pavement Strengthening	Works substantially completed. Snagging items being completed. Additional drainage works carried out.	12 months Defects period completed in November 2020.
N24 Ballydrehid Realignment	This scheme involves the preparation of proposals for possible improvements to the N24 at Ballydrehid. Feasibility report submitted to TII.	Awaiting TII response.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. Draft Preliminary design report prepared, Draft Part 8 documents being prepared.	Complete preliminary design for submission to TII for approval, followed by Part 8 planning process.



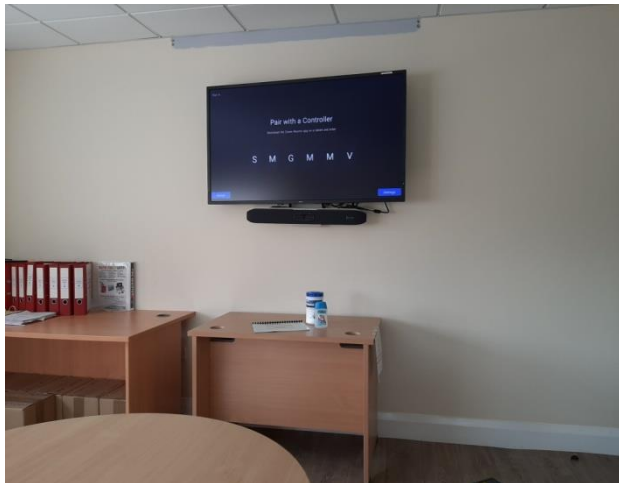
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Clonmel Inner Relief Road Pavement Improvement	This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 7.3km of pavement on the N24 National Primary road in county Tipperary. Construction commenced in October 2019 but was delayed due to the Covid-19 Public Health restrictions imposed by the Government. Works have now been completed.	12 months Defects period commenced.
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.

Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	Route selection and preliminary design has been completed and Part 8 approved. A Compulsory Purchase Order has been advertised and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval. The closing date for submissions was 16 September 2020 and 22 objections have been received by An Bord Pleanála	An Oral Hearing is scheduled to be held remotely by ABP on 1 and 2 December 2020.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Progress/Steering Committee meetings held monthly, Clare County Council is lead authority. Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design has been completed. The Tender Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published in December 2019.	The tender competition for the works contract will commence in late 2020 and will be completed in Q2 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer will be awarded shortly. It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q3 2021 and will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction, a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access. The scheme includes	Negotiations for land acquisition are ongoing. Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition. Lidl to construct a section of the road for access to new store with development commencing in 2020.

	<p>a 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir along with ancillary drainage, attenuation ponds (2 no.), ducting, water mains, public lighting and flood alleviation works along the River Suir.</p>	
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IMPACT OF COVID 19 ON SERVICE DELIVERY

Covid-19 has created a significant challenge to delivery of all services by the Roads Section in the past 9 months. However, Roads Administration Staff, Capital Office Staff and Roads Machinery Yard Staff, at the Nenagh and Clonmel locations, together with Municipal and Borough District Office Staff, have made great efforts to maintain and continue to deliver as many aspects of our service as possible to both our Elected Members, the general public and other third-party stakeholders. The Roads Section has maintained pre-Covid levels of service provision with many alternative technologies and new practices now part of the day-to-day running of the section. These changes will provide greater resilience for service provision going forward.



New video conferencing facilities installed in Machinery Yard, Carrigeen, Clonmel

ROADWORKS PROGRAMME (2020) - TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

The significant programme of work planned for 2020 is now complete, despite the challenges faced throughout the year. These challenges included:

- Covid-19, its consequent lockdown period when works were not permitted and delays due to social distancing requirements;
- The programme was larger for 2020 than previous years.

Through this Programme, Tipperary County Council has completed extensive countywide works, including:

- Strengthening and/or Resealing works on over three hundred kilometres (300km) of roads;
- Drainage Works;
- Low Cost Safety Schemes;
- Refurbishment of a number of Bridges.

2020 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL SCHEMES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL



Cahir to Swiss Cottage Walkway Upgrade under ORIS Funding



Cashel Golden Road Walkway Resurfacing



**Collegelands,
Tipperary Town**

**New Footpaths
Murgasty,
Tipperary Town**

**Palmers Hill,
Cashel**



Climate Change Funding – Glencush in the Glen of Aherlow – Road Drainage Works



Clonbeg Bridge Works



Knockshanbrittas Bridge – Reconstruction Works



Knocklofty Bridge

Refurbishments Cashel Carpark

**Windmill Road, Cashel
Low Cost Safety Scheme**



New Footpaths and Resurfacing Cashel Road, Cahir



New Footpaths Church Road, Nenagh

**HRA Road Works, Nenagh
Pound Road
William Street**



**HRA Road Works
Silver Street, Nenagh**



**Marlfield – Climate Change Funding
Road Level Raised**



**Road Resurfacing,
N52 Ardcroney**



**Road Resurfacing
N52 Carrig Village**



**Road Resurfacing
R489 Ballincor**



**R438 Anglers Rest, Climate Change Funding
Before and After**



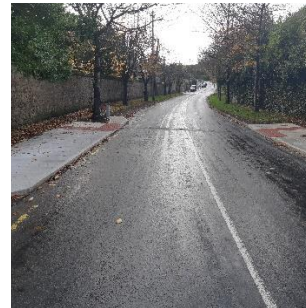
**Road Resurfacing
R494 Nenagh**



**Newport R503
Main Street Works**



**Gordon Place, Clonmel
Carpark Extension for 12 spaces**



**Marlfield Pedestrian
Crossing Works**



**Glenegad Footpath
Reinstatement**



**HRA New Road
Surface Course,
Kilheffernan**



**Road Resurfacing
Pond Road, Clonmel**



**Road Resurfacing
Old Bridge, Clonmel**



Mill Race Walls,
Suir Island Repairs



East Lane, Clonmel
Paving Works



Suir Blueway
Road Lining



Grit Storage Works
at Rossestown,
Thurles



Salt Spreading Trucks
with Spreaders & Snow
Plough attachments



Velocity Patcher



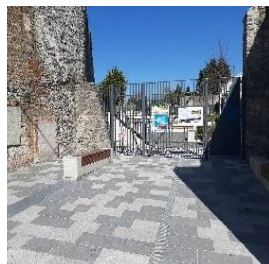
Roscrea Roundabout



N62 Thurles Road, Templemore
Pavement Scheme



Eastgate Park, Fethard
Opened September 2020



Dillon Bridge,
Carrick-on-Suir



Repairs to
Mogorban Bridge



Burke Street, Fethard
Road Surfacing



Mullinahone Road Surfacing, Carrick-on-Suir



Works carried out on Bridges
Coolmoyne/Ballyvadin **Modeshill, Mullinahone**



Surface Dressing – Ard Mhuire, Carrick-on-Suir

Ballinure Silverfort Cross



Rock Armour and Road Improvement R498 Latteragh

HRA Works
Shevry Upperchurch



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

Admin/Licensing Process During 2020	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	580
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	497
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	215
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	204
Road Opening Licence applications received	776
FOI requests processed	23
AIE requests processed	4

Estates Taken in Charge 2020
BruachTailte, Nenagh
Gort Na Smól and Barr an Áird, Ardgeeha, Clonmel
Castleheights, Carrick-on-Suir
Rosanna Close, Rosanna Road, Tipperary Town
Rosemount Drive/Avenue/Close/View, Barnora, Cahir
Millersbrook (Part of), Borrisokane Road, Nenagh
Carrig Derg, Ballycommon, Nenagh
Rosemount Heights, Barnora, Cahir
Abbey View (Phase 1), Fethard
Abbey View (Phase 2), Fethard
Proposed Estates currently on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process
Ash Court, Cahir Road, Clonmel
Springfield Grove, Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town
Springfield Crescent (part of), Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town
Proposed Estates to go on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process
Meadowlands, Moangarriff, Clonmel
Crann Ard, Glencarra and Gracefield, Fethard Road, Clonmel
Roads Declared as Public Roads in 2020
Ard na Croise, Thurles
Glebe View, Corville Road, Roscrea
Bóthar Alúine, Moyne, Thurles



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME (CIS)

The Community Involvement Scheme is a joint venture approach between the Council and local communities, for the purpose of carrying out maintenance and improvement works on suitable public local roads.

The value of the contribution by the local community will be 15% of the estimated costs of the scheme, as determined by the Council's Engineer.

Tipperary County Council advertised the Community Involvement Scheme for 2020/2021 in 2019 and the closing date for receipt of new applications was 31 July, 2019. Forty-one new applications were received, which along with those already on hand were prioritised for a funding submission to DTTAS in September 2019.

Subsequently, an allocation of €1,194,000 was received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for 2020. A total of 21 CIS applications were successfully completed during 2020.

The Council expects to advertise the scheme for new applications during 2021.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (LIS)

This scheme applies to non-public accommodation roads which are rural in nature.

The Council advertised the LIS scheme for 2020 at the end of November 2019 and the closing date for receipt of applications was 12 noon on 31 January

2020. Sixty (60) new applications were received for funding consideration in 2020.

An allocation of €599,969 was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development on 13 March 2020.

LIS applications i.e. new applications and those on hand were reviewed and prioritised within the terms and conditions of the scheme and the policy adopted by the Council.

Offers of Grant Assistance were made in line with the allocation received for 2020. A total of 20 Local Improvement Schemes were completed during 2020.

CLÁR 2020

The Council, under CLÁR Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures made a submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding for 6 projects in 2020. The Department has advised that three applications under Measure 1 have received approval to proceed with an allocation of €79,628. Subject to payments of local contributions these schemes will progress in 2021.

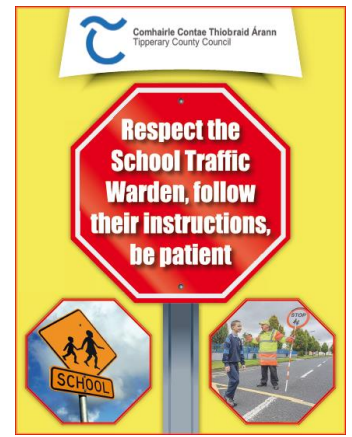
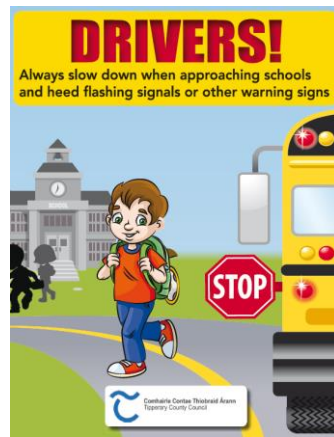
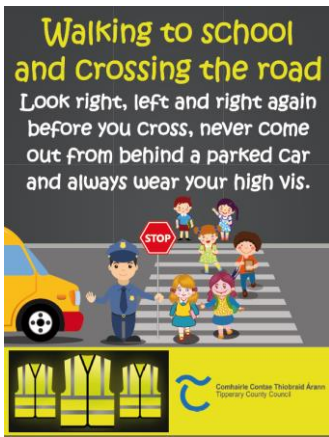
ROAD SAFETY

The Road Safety Section undertook an extensive “Back to School” road safety awareness advertising campaign in August/September. This campaign ran for four weeks in local papers, on Tipperary Live, and on the Tipperary County Council website.

The themes were:

1. Crossing the road safely
2. Drivers slow down approaching schools
3. Cycling – children wear hi-vis and helmet, drivers leave a safe distance when overtaking cyclists
4. Respect the School Traffic Warden and follow their instructions.

The four posters below in the campaign were accompanied by road safety articles:



Staff from the Road Safety Section participated in a Webinar organised by the RSA on the topic of the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030.

Other stakeholders who participated in the event include: An Garda Síochána, Medical Bureau of Road Safety, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Health Service Executive (HSE), Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and the National Transport Authority (NTA).

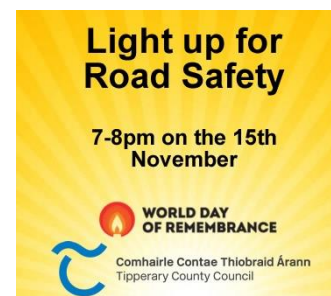
Themes examined include:

- Adopting Vision Zero and the Safe System approach
- Embedding Safe System into national policies and procedures
- Current road safety challenges
- Priorities for the next Government Road Safety Strategy
- Mechanisms for delivery
- Key Success Factors

The Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 is expected to be published in Quarter 2 of 2021 and

this will influence the next Tipperary Road Safety Strategy.

Tipperary Road Safety Section supported World Day of Remembrance for Road Collision Victims which takes place on the third Sunday of November each year and participated in the “Light up for Road Safety” initiative organised by Road Safety Officers from local authorities around the country.



One member of staff undertook online training organised by the RSA on “Mobility Matters” and “Wrecked” and is now qualified to deliver these road safety programmes to older adults and the 17- 24year age group respectively.

SWAT SEVERE WEATHER ASSESSMENT TEAM

Tipperary County Council has in place a Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT), which comprises the Director of Services, Senior Engineers Roads, Senior Engineer Water Services, Administrative Officer Roads, each District Engineer, Machinery Yard Engineer, Duty Engineers (winter maintenance) and SEO Corporate Services.

During severe weather events, the SWAT team meets regularly to assess the situation and decide what action is necessary, providing regular updates to the Council's website and social media channels.

Tipperary County Council Roads Section responded to four storms early in 2020: Storm Brendan in January, Storms Ciara, Dennis, and Jorge in February and to Storms Ellen and Francis in August.

WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

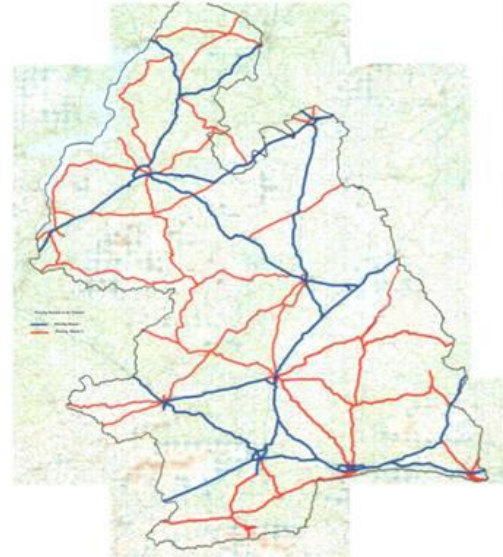
Tipperary County Council is responsible for:

- 99 km of Motorway (M7 and M8 maintained under contract from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) by private concessions)
- 70 km of National Primary Road
- 150.2 km of National Secondary Roads
- 903 km of Regional road and
- 4,490 km of Local roads in County Tipperary.

The primary aim is to keep these roads safe and as free as practicable from winter hazards. Tipperary County Council is constantly striving to improve the winter maintenance service provided, however neither the local authority nor TII has a statutory obligation to pre-salt roads.

Tipperary County Council, as far as reasonably practicable, will seek to ensure the prevention of ice formation on Priority 1 Routes (**Blue Routes**) and Priority 2 Routes (**Red Routes**) as outlined in the map below.

In extreme weather events Priority 1 Routes will take precedence over Priority 2 Routes in terms of allocation of available resources.



Map - Priority Routes 1 and 2

Road users should always assume that pre-salting or winter services have not been provided on Priority 1 and 2 routes and drive accordingly.

The Winter Maintenance Service involves the pre-salting of National Primary and Secondary Routes and major Regional Roads and routes of strategic importance.

Tipperary County Council spreads salt on roads before ice or snow is expected (called Precautionary Salting). Pre-salting commences at the time determined by the Icecast Duty Engineer to ensure the completion of routes before the onset of icy conditions or snowfall. The County Council Operates a fleet of 12 No. Salt Spreaders mounted on Rigid Trucks for Precautionary salting, these are based as follows:

2 No. in Cahir, 3 No. in Cashel, 2 No. in Clonmel: 4 No. in Nenagh and 1 No. in Roscrea. These trucks also have plates attached for mounting snow ploughs. Priority 1 routes have precedence for Snow Clearance in the event of a snowfall.

The operational winter maintenance period as determined by TII shall be 15 October 2020 to 30 April 2021.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in May 2018. All public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. SSE Airtricity is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17,288 lights in the county and public lighting is one of the biggest users of energy in the Council's overall energy usage.

A number of upgrades have been completed throughout Tipperary to-date in 2020 with 1,640 existing high energy use lighting being replaced by energy efficient LED lights. Works are completed on the National Roads with 215 street lights upgraded to LED with TII funding.

The Council has and will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI, TII and EU funding for energy efficiency projects.

Tipperary County Council and SSE Airtricity have reviewed all work practices to comply with the working recommendations for dealing with Covid-19 and its related restrictions.

For the benefit of Councillors, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- **Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com**
- **Phone: Airtricity Utility Solutions Call Centre - 1850 372 772**
- **Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0761 06 5000**

HEDGE CUTTING

Tipperary County Council would like to thank owners and occupiers of land adjoining roads who inspect trees and hedges on their property during the hedge cutting season and ensured that they do not pose a danger to road users. Examples of hazards include dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths obscuring road signs, public lighting or road users' visibility.

The 2020/2021 Hedgecutting Season commenced on 1 September 2020 and runs through to 28 February 2021. All landowners and occupiers of land are requested to note that Section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 prohibits the cutting, burning or destruction of any vegetation growing on uncultivated land or in a hedge or ditch during the period 1 March to 31 August each year. This is to ensure the safety of birds and other wildlife.

Please note that Regulations 49 and 50 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 make it an offence to plant, disperse, allow dispersal or cause the spread of invasive plant species. Further information regarding the control and management of invasive plant species can be found on www.invasivespeciesireland.com

Tipperary County Council requests the co-operation of the public in keeping road users safe. A public awareness campaign commenced in September and will continue throughout the hedge cutting season. Our District offices are carrying out local inspections and notices are being issued as necessary to relevant landowners.



INTERREG NORTH WEST EUROPE SMART SPACE PROJECT



Smart-Space aims to facilitate the uptake of smart lighting in small/mid-size municipalities to enhance energy-efficiency and reduce CO2 emission. Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Energy Agency are partners in the Smart Space project. In Tipperary, the project will replace standard street lights (such as those in the photos) with LED street Lights. These new LED lights will be equipped with smart technology motion detectors which will monitor movement. For example, when a street or car park is quiet, the LED Smart Lights dim down, which saves energy and reduces CO2 emissions.

The three pilot areas which have been chosen in Tipperary to take part in the project are Thurles, Clonoulty and Drangan. In Tipperary 600 street lights will be upgraded in this Pilot Project. The villages of Drangan and Clonoulty along with approximately 50% of the street lights in Thurles Town have been prioritised for upgrading. 40% of the associated cost is being funded by Tipperary County Council with the remaining 60% being funded through Interreg North West Europe (EU). The Project in Tipperary was advertised on e-tenders, with SSE Airtricity being awarded the tender. Replacement of lights will commence in December 2020.



**Pilot Site for Smart Lighting Project
Thurles**



**Pilot Villages for Interreg Smart Space Project
Drangan**



Clonoulty

ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the RMO and 23 other local authorities has signed up to participate in a large-scale street lighting upgrade to LED. The primary aim of the project is to enable Local Authorities to reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 33% more energy efficient by 2020. The Project will also significantly help LA's reach their new 2030 target of 50%. A Section 85 Agreement has been signed by Tipperary County Council and Kilkenny County Council for the authorisation of Kilkenny to take the lead in this project.

Approx. 280,000 lights are to be retrofitted in this project, 14,000 of these will be in County Tipperary.

Local Authorities participating in the Project:
There are 24 Local Authorities participating in the Project as follows:

Eastern Region:

Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wicklow, Kildare, Offaly, Westmeath, Meath, Longford and Louth.

North West Region:

Donegal, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, Longford, Monaghan, Cavan, Roscommon, Galway City and Galway County.

Southern Region:

Cork County, Kerry, Limerick City and County, Waterford City and County, and Clare.

ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES ALLOCATIONS

Tipperary County Council was requested to submit an application for Active Travel Measures projects for consideration for funding in August 2020. On 31 August, the Council was notified that funding of €1.769m had been awarded for approved projects across all Municipal Districts in County Tipperary.

The approved allocation was solely for design/works which could be completed and claimed by the end of November 2020.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ALLOCATIONS

Tipperary County Council was requested to submit an application for Climate Change Adaptation works, for consideration for funding in August 2020. On 31 August, the Council was notified that funding of €858,000 had been awarded for approved projects in County Tipperary. The approved allocation was solely for design/works which could be completed and claimed by the end of November 2020.



Flood Barriers in place in Clonmel

COVID MEASURES SCHEME



The National Transport Authority has advised the Council that funding is available under a ‘Covid Measures Scheme’ for potential road space interventions/temporary measures to address challenges in the public realm resulting from Covid-19 related to public health and safety, mobility and to support the recovery of the local economy.

Examples of interventions are widening footpaths, pedestrianisation, one-way systems, temporary facilities/cycle parking for cyclists, use of car parking as additional external commercial space, widening or protecting footpaths around schools.

Each Municipal District has been asked to review their public realm to identify projects that can be submitted for funding. Nenagh Municipal District has submitted two applications to date and provisional approval for funding of €90,000 has been issued by the NTA. The measures proposed in Nenagh are at Hanley’s Place and Kenyon Street and include the following:

- Enhancement measures and pedestrianisation of part of Hanley’s Place to accommodate safe pedestrian access, social distancing and support business activities
- Aesthetic interventions to define the surface and enhance the public realm; Signage; Landscaping
- Review and modification of car park arrangements in order to facilitate proposals
- Removal of 6 car parking spaces at Kenyon Street to facilitate additional External Commercial Space



Example - Temporary Parklet creating additional external commercial space

NSAI OHSAS 18001:2007 CERTIFICATION



**Certificate of Registration
of Occupational Health and Safety
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**Tipperary County Council - Roads,
Transportation & Health and Safety
Directorate**

Civic Offices
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NSAI certifies that the aforementioned company has been assessed and deemed to comply with the provisions of the standard referred to above in respect of:-

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Approved by
Stewart Hickey
Head - Business Excellence, NSAI



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Valid from: 11 May 2020
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Acquiring this certification means that we comply with the provisions of the standard referred to above in respect of Civil Engineering and Road Maintenance Services (including Salting and Emergency callouts), and Housing maintenance.

This is a major achievement for the Roads Directorate as we have approximately 450 employees and, in addition to our administration and engineering offices in Nenagh and Clonmel, we have two Machinery Yards in Nenagh and Carrigeen, Clonmel with over 200 other premises including Depots and Stores.

Roads and Transportation Directorate is delighted to announce that we have received NSAI Certificate of Registration of occupational Health and Safety Management System to OHSAS 18001:2007 standard.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

New Policy/Strategic Issues			
Policy Changes/Up-Date	Current status	Progression in Previous Months	Next Stage
County Development Plan 2022-2028	Commenced	Public Consultation 18 th September to 16 th November 2020	Preparation of Chief Executive's Report on submissions received
Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027	Under preparation	Public Consultation 25 th September to 9 th November 2020	Preparation of Chief Executive's Report on submissions received

National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Tipperary Town Regeneration	Market Yard - Detailed Design for construction phase completed. Tender Assessment Report on tenders received for construction stage almost complete. River Ara Walkway – River Ara Walkway – Planning Permission granted by An Bord Pleanála on 2 nd . November, 2020. Tenders received for fencing. Bridge design has been finalised.	Market Yard – Contractor to be appointed early December with works to commence on site in January, 2021 and be completed by June, 2021. River Ara Walkway - Main works to be undertaken from July, 2021 with bridge installation to commence in September, 2021. Anticipated completion December, 2021.
Fethard Town Park	Final design completed. Groundworks and pitches commenced recently. The main contract comprising of the pavilion and public realm works was advertised on e-Tenders on 13 th November, 2020. Progression with requirements to facilitate the co-location of the primary health care centre are ongoing.	Main contract to be awarded December, 2020. Construction to commence in January, 2021 with anticipated completion in December, 2021.
Templemore Cultural and Enterprise Centre with associated Civic Plaza	Design team appointed September, 2020. Part 8 Planning completed. District Delivery Group and Consultative Group in place. Revisions to preliminary designs currently being reviewed.	Completion of detailed design circa March, 2021. Construction stage scheduled to commence June, 2021 for an 18-month period.



Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter	Project was awarded €0.65 million under the Fund. Steering Group and Implementation Group established. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team advertised on the Official Journal of the EU.	Tenders to be submitted by 8th January, 2021 with a design team appointed shortly thereafter. Detailed design and Part 8 Planning to be completed by November, 2021.
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan	Project was awarded €0.365 million under the Fund. Tenders for the engagement of a design team submitted through e-Tenders on 13 th November, 2020.	Tenders currently being evaluated. Anticipate that the design team will be in place by January 2021 with detailed designs and Part 8 Planning completed by November, 2021.
A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre	Project was awarded €0.632 million under the Fund. Tender Documents for the procurement of a design team and project management services for the development of Cahir Market House Business Centre advertised on e-Tenders on 30 th November, 2020. Tender documents, design stage, for Cahir Town Centre Public Realm currently being compiled. Acquisition of two opportunity sites being finalised.	Closing date for submission of tenders, design stage, for Cahir Market House Business Centre is 21 st December, 2020. Consultants to be appointed January, 2021. Advertise for design team for Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and appoint consultants early 2021. Complete purchase of two opportunity sites.

National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Project.	The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1 st October, 2020. Construction has commenced on the main scheme with site clearance and service crossings in the lower portion of the Square completed to date.	Main drainage works in progress in the central area of Liberty Square due for completion end of January, 2021. Phase 2- replacement of footpaths will commence in February, 2021. Expected completion of the Scheme by January, 2022.
Clonmel: Transformational Regeneration.	Regional Sports Hub - Tender Assessment Report compiled and forwarded to the Department on 28 th September, 2020. Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 - Tender Assessment Report for the public realm and civic plaza compiled and forwarded to the Department on 28 th September, 2020.	Regional Sports Hub - Expect approval from the Department to issue shortly with appointment of the contractor thereafter. Programme duration is approximately 12 months. Works on car park due for completion by year end. Expect approval from the Department to issue shortly with appointment of the contractor thereafter. Programme duration is approximately 13 months.
Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter	Project was awarded €0.65 million under the Fund. Steering Group and Implementation Group established. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team advertised on the Official Journal of the EU.	Tenders to be submitted by 8 th January, 2021 with a design team appointed shortly thereafter. Detailed design and Part 8 Planning to be completed by November, 2021.
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan	Project was awarded €0.365 million under the Fund. Tenders for the engagement of a design team submitted through e-Tenders on 13 th November, 2020.	Tenders currently being evaluated. Anticipate that the design team will be in place by January 2021 with detailed designs and Part 8 Planning completed by November, 2021.
A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre	Project was awarded €0.632 million under the Fund. Tender Documents for the procurement of a design team and	Closing date for submission of tenders, design stage, for Cahir Market House Business Centre is

project management services for the development of Cahir Market House Business Centre advertised on e-Tenders on 30th November, 2020.
Tender documents, design stage, for Cahir Town Centre Public Realm currently being compiled.
Acquisition of two opportunity sites being finalised.

21st December, 2020. Consultants to be appointed January, 2021.
Advertise for design team for Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and appoint consultants early 2021.
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PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

The Pre-Draft 'Shaping Our Future' consultation stage ran from 18th September to 16th November 2020. A strategic 'Issues Paper' was published and made available in public libraries, at Civic Offices and on the Council's website. In addition to the Issues Paper, an animated infographic and background papers were produced along with Children's Activity Worksheets. These informed the public consultation processes and helped ensure that it was accessible to all. All publications were produced to a high graphic design standard, with easily recognisable branding, and were produced to national Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) requirements.



A dedicated website was set up on the Council planning website; this can be accessed at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp>, and will remain available as a key source of information over the two year process of plan-making. In addition, the planning section dedicated Twitter page **@planningtipp** will be constantly updated.

In response to public consultation procedures 190 submissions were received and are available to be viewed on the website. Submissions are currently being summarised and will be set out in the Chief Executive's report. At the March 2021 Council Meeting the Elected Members may issue directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan, thereafter the draft Plan must be prepared within 12 weeks.

Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027

The new Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027 is being prepared in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and sets out the land use strategy for the town to ensure the town can grow, support employment and homes, and can do so sustainably.

On 25th Sept, 2020, the Council published the proposed Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027, which will replace the Cahir Local Area Plan 2011-17 (as extended) once adopted. Public consultation on the proposed Plan was open until 9th Nov, 2020 and submissions from 128 stakeholders were received. This included over 40 submissions from the 5th and 6th class in Cahir Boys National School. Following this consultation, all submissions are being compiled and considered in a Chief Executive's report for the consideration of the Elected Members in January 2021.



Killaloe-Ballina Enhancement and Mobility Plan

Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council have commenced the preparation of a Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan. The Plan will facilitate a coordinated approach to public realm enhancements within Killaloe and Ballina, providing a clear vision for Killaloe and Ballina as linked settlements. Specific measures, designs and schemes will promote the towns' complementarity, and create an overall focus on their joint strengths and opportunities in terms of functionality, aesthetics and the changing transport and mobility profile of the towns as a result of the future Killaloe Bypass and Shannon Bridge crossing. A Draft Plan will be published early in 2021.

Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) 2040

The draft LSMATS has been published which sets out a framework for investment in transport for the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area for the next 20 years and includes proposals for the significant development of the cycle network and enhancement of bus services and infrastructure. An Environmental Report has been prepared which assesses the likely effects on the environment of implementing the Draft Strategy. An Appropriate Assessment is also being carried out. The closing date for submissions/observations to the National Transport Authority was Friday 30th October 2020.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local

Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered.

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Detailed designs completed by the Consultants for the Sport Hub and Kickham Barracks public realm works.

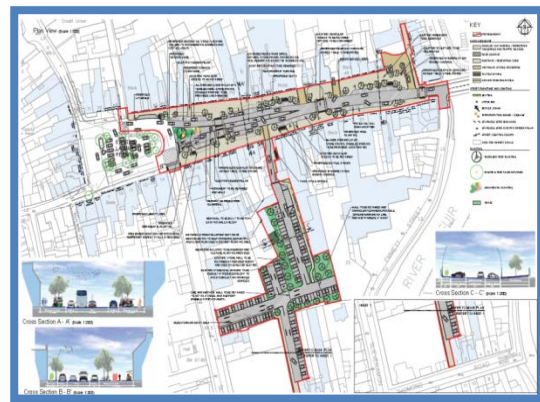


Kickham Barracks Regeneration - Works on car park due for completion by year end. Tenders received for the public realm and civic plaza, construction stage have been assessed. Tender Assessment Report compiled and Final Business Case forwarded to the Department on 28th September, 2020. Awaiting Department approval to appoint the contractor.

Regional Sports Hub - Tenders received for the construction stage assessed. Tender Assessment Report compiled and Final Business Case forwarded to the Department on 28th September, 2020. Awaiting Department approval to appoint the contractor.

The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.

Liberty Square Enhancement Project Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1st October, 2020. Works on Liberty Square are being progressed with expected completion by January, 2022. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.



Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It will include an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre and, a 800 metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. Funding of €600,000 has been approved under the **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**. **Market Yard** – Detailed designs for the construction phase have been completed. Tenders received for the construction stage currently being assessed. Anticipate works will commence on site circa January, 2021 and completed by June, 2021. **River Ara Walkway** – Planning Permission granted by An Bórd Pleanála on 2nd November, 2020. Bridge design has been completed. Main works to be undertaken from July, 2021 with bridge

installation to commence in September, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.

Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Health Ireland. Final design for project completed. Groundworks and pitches commenced November, 2020. Main contract for the pavilion and public realm works advertised on e-Tenders on 13th. November, 2020 and expect contract to be awarded end of December, 2020 with works commencing early next year.



Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated Civic Plaza.

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Revisions to preliminary designs currently being reviewed. Detailed design to be completed circa March 2021.

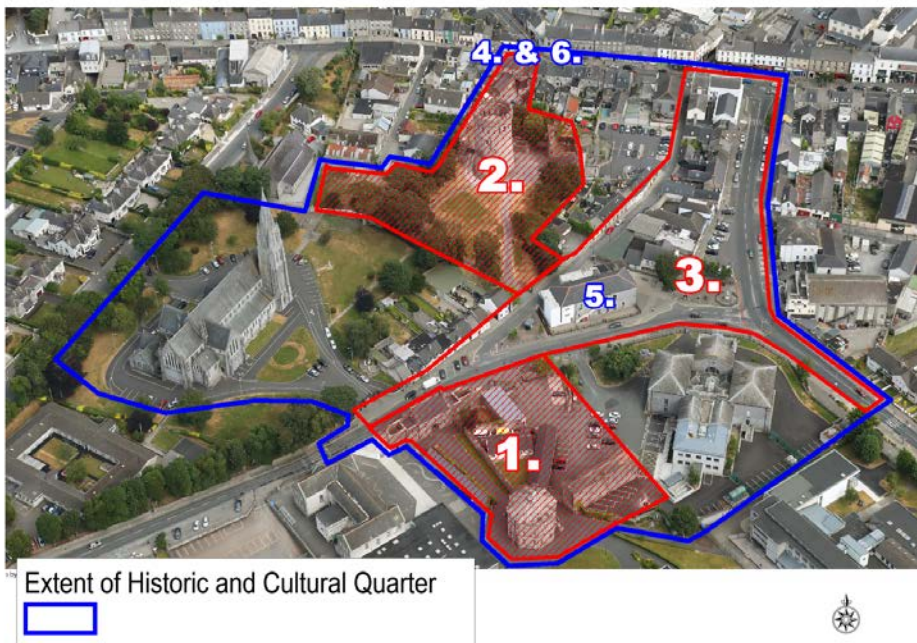


Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Funding Calls

A call for applications for funding under the **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund** for Category 2 (project development) applications closed in 28th February 2020. Three applications for Category 2 funding were made and were successful.

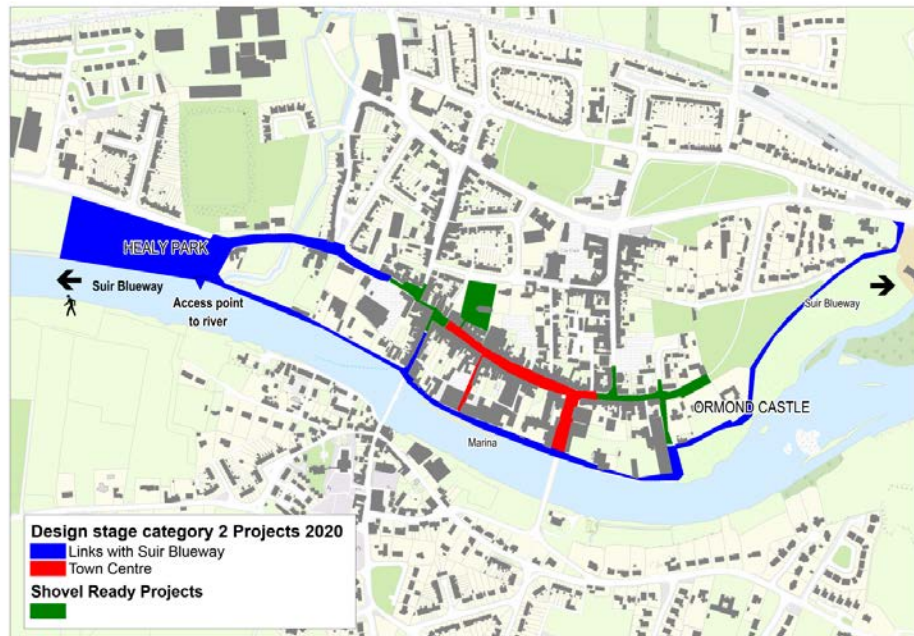
Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth, and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. The project value is **€866,712,00**. The project was awarded **€650,000** under the fund. Tender documents for the engagement of an Architect led Multi-Disciplinary Design Team advertised on The Official Journal of the EU on 25th. November, 2020 with closing date for receipt of tenders by 8th. January, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.



Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter'

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. The project value is **€487,500.00**. The project was awarded **€365,000** under the fund. Tenders for the engagement of a design team currently being evaluated. Design team will be appointed in January, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.



A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir’s historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. The project value is **€842,987**. The project was awarded **€632,000** under the fund. Tender documents for the procurement of a design team and project management services for the development of Cahir Market House Business Centre advertised on e-Tenders on 30th November, 2020 with a closing date for receipt of tenders by 21st December, 2020. Tender documents, design stage, for Cahir Town Centre Public Realm currently being compiled. Acquisition of two opportunity sites being finalised.

The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.

A call for applications for funding under the **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund** for Category 1 (shovel ready) applications closed in 29th May 2020. Two applications have been submitted as follows:

Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration

The application builds on the existing project at Kickham Barrack and the Regional Sports Hub, seeking funding to complete this ambitious, multi-annual integrated urban regeneration project developed for Clonmel by TCC and its partners.

The aim of “Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration” is to transform Clonmel

The proposals presented for funding include the following integrated pillars:

Kickham Barracks Regeneration (Phase 2) -

Phase 2 includes for new Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) and Tipperary Education and Training Board (TETB) Campuses and an Arts and Cultural Venue within the historic buildings on the site. This second phase will complete the transformation of the site from a former inaccessible Military Barracks to a civic, cultural and educational shared campus quarter.

In addition a new Garda Station is proposed for the site.

Clonmel – Flights of Discovery! –

This pillar represents an international tourism product of scale encompassing four interlinked visitor hubs all of which are built around Clonmel’s industrial and heritage past and which facilitate immersive interactive experiences.

- Dowd’s Lane Bulmer’s Vat House Visitor Centre - Re-development of the former town centre site of Bulmers cider production into a historical and cultural “visitor experience” with capacity to attract up to 100,000 visitors per annum.
- Suir Island Amenity Park - It will include appropriate high-quality interactive recreational & heritage interpretative structures, amenity spaces, and a new pedestrian bridge linking the island and the adjacent newly constructed car park back into the town centre.
- West Gate Interpretative Centre - to provide a creative and immersive visitor experience into Clonmel’s industrial, commercial and literary past associated with Charles Bianconi and Anthony Trollope.

Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement

In order to deliver on the overall project vision the key public streets in Clonmel will be transformed, re-imagined and significantly upgraded. This includes the Primary Retail Area (PRA), adjacent streets and Mick Delahunty Square. This will improve the attractiveness and liveability of the town.

This pillar will connect with the proposed pedestrian bridge linking to Suir Island and will be the key component in connecting all of the pillars back into the town centre.

A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh

The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre.

The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building.



Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Third Call

Four applications have been submitted under the Third Call for Category 1 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, the closing date for submission of applications was 1st December 2020:

Nenagh Digital Hub

Tipperary County Council is seeking funding to develop a digital hub at Stream Business Campus in Nenagh. The project would deliver a major new facility for the promotion of enterprise development across economic sectors, indigenous industry, micro – enterprises and small and medium enterprises. The overarching aim and purpose of the facility is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities by connecting companies, remote workers and local communities. The project value is **€6,439,296** and grant funding of **€5,795,366** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students’ Union.

A Local Authority owned 19th Century vacant agricultural building and its associated car-park are proposed for redevelopment which includes the following works:

- Restoration, renovation and a glazed extension to the existing agricultural building for use as a Students’ Union, café, and operational space for the covered external area;
- Installation of a fixed roof covering and associated supporting structures to facilitate local producers, craft fairs, performances, exercise, exhibitions and events;

- Removal of the boundary wall between the Market Quarter and St. Patrick's College which will further integrate the college into the town centre, will highlight the architectural and historic heritage of the college and will allow the public to access the grounds of St. Patrick's for use as an amenity space;
- Upgrade of the access to the site with an emphasis on pedestrian and cyclist movements;
- Installation of EV car charging points and bicycle parking.

Total project cost are **€2,846,613**

Total RRDF Funding sought **€2,789,681**



Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of Tipperary County Council's '**Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing**'. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and across the country. The scheme was subject to a Part 8 process, approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The total project cost is **€613,171** and **€61,317.10** is being sought under the fund.

Cashel Town Park and Public Realm Works

Tipperary County Council is seeking funding to develop an innovative Tourism Experience set at the base of the Rock of Cashel which will greatly enhance the visitor experience and expand capacity at one of Ireland's most iconic visitor attractions. In line with Ireland's Ancient East, Castles and Conquests & Vikings Visitor Experience Plan, this attraction will grow the Rock of Cashel into an immersive cluster of tourism experiences increasing capacity, dwell time, bed nights and extending the tourism season. The park will also host local events and festivals and provide a valued amenity space to the local community.

The project value is **€3,737,976** and grant funding of **€3,364,178.40** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2020

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2020** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. Applications were invited up to and including the 31st January, 2020. Tipperary County Council had 28 applications for funding under the BHIS. 17 applications were approved for funding by the Department with funding ranging from €2,500 to the max of €15,000. However due to COVID restrictions and the tighter timeframe this year 8 projects proceeded with a total funding of €79,000. The funded projects were as follows;

- O'Sheas, Burke St, Fethard €15,000
- Quakers' Graveyard, O'Neill St., Clonmel €15,000
- Former Mercy Convent, Pallas St, Borrisoleigh €4,560
- St Marys Church of Ireland, Thurles Select Vestry €15,000
- An tSráid Mhór, Cloch Shiurdáin (Cloughjordan) €2,800
- Garden Cottage, Patrickswell, Clonmel €8,800
- Old AIB, Templemore €2,840
- St Marys Church, Clonmel €15,000

The **Historic Structure Fund 2020** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

- enable larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- encourage the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or historic-culturally significant assets; and
- support the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use.

Tipperary County Council received 11 applications under the HSF and 5 of these projects were recommended for funding to the Department. Having assessed the projects the Department chose to financially support 2 projects;

- Newport Court House – awarded €20,000.
- DW Parkes Chemist, 23 Gladstone Street, Clonmel- awarded €40,000.

Both projects were awarded extra funding under the July Stimulus Program. Newport Court House was awarded an extra €20,000 and DW Parkes Chemist an extra €10,000. Both projects went ahead and the grant funding was paid over to the applicants in early November following site inspections by our retained Conservation Architect.

Both the BHIS and the HSF will open for applications for 2021 funding in the coming weeks.

Town Walls Grant Scheme 2020

There are four walled towns in Tipperary: Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Cashel and Fethard, all have upstanding remains of their medieval walls and are members of the Irish Walled Towns Network. The

Irish Walled Towns Network (Heritage Council) provides annual funding for both conservation works and interpretative measures relating to the Walled Towns. In 2020, funding was sought and provided as follows:



- Fethard Town Walls €1,500
- Carrick on Suir Town Walls Stabilisation and Conservation of Section €32,500
- Ormond Castle Park Ecological and Amenity Improvement Scheme €10,000

Funding must be drawn down by November 2020.

On 26th August correspondence was received from the Heritage Council, additional funding was offered to the value of €50,000 for works to the Carrick on Suir Town Walls. Funding to the value of €30,000 has been received from the HSE for works to the Cashel City walls to the rear of the Hospital in Cashel.

Total funding received 2020 - €124,000

Funding must be drawn down by November 2020.

Near Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) promotional campaign

In association with Sustainable Tipp, the Planning section and the Tipperary Energy Agency set out to promote compliance with the new Building standards for dwelling construction to Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) standard. This campaign was aimed at planning agents and designers, planners and building control officers. A key part of the campaign was an information day held in Thurles on the 26th November 2019 and a design competition for extension to domestic dwelling to NZEB standard. The closing date for the design competition was the 31st July. Entries from all over the country were received. A judging panel has been set up and the entries are currently in the process of being assessed. It is expected that a winner will be announced before Christmas.



Number of Planning Applications received

A total of 1416 planning applications were received from the 1st January to the 27th November 2020. 450 applications were deemed invalid and 49 were withdrawn. During the period 887 applications were decided with 860 being granted planning permission and 27 being refused. Further information was requested in 442 cases.

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 217 complaints made from the 1st January to the 31st October 2020. During this period 142 Warning Letters and 6 Enforcement Notices issued.

Taking in Charge:

There are currently 47 residential housing developments with valid taking-in-charge applications being processed by the Planning Section. Eight estates were taken in charge to date in 2020. Two estates have been advertised and a further seven estates are due to be advertised by our Roads Section under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended). Five new taking-in-charge application have been submitted to the Local Authority in 2020.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service

SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	<p>Finalising the Business continuity software package.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with both the SE and MW regional steering groups.</p>	<p>Final workshop with supplier and delivery of the system - on hold due to travel restrictions from UK.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections have recommenced.</p> <p>Launch of the online applications platform for fire safety certificates and disability access certificates</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Ongoing evaluation of all work practices with regard to the Covid-19 situation</p> <p>All training now resumed in Tipperary</p>	
Fire Safety	<p>Delivery of those elements of our annual strategic plan which can be delivered through the various stages of this Covid-19 emergency.</p>	<p>Prepare for completion of targets set out in our annual plan.</p>

CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Templemore Fire Station	Works completed.	Arrange official opening
Cashel Fire Station	Tender process completed and recommendation issued to Department.	Receive approval to proceed and appoint tender.

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 30th November 2020
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	1356
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	79
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	81
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	53
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	59
Number of Commencement Notices Received	340

Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Response



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service have provided a Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Response to the county since 2012, the need for such a response came from an assessment of our waterways by Rescue 3 (an internationally recognised leader in Swiftwater rescues). Since that date all fire-fighters and senior fire officers have received some level of water-based training in response based on the hazards that they are likely to encounter.

- 1) Lifejacket Competent User 2: (All Operational Fire Service Staff) This is delivered to all fire personnel who may be tasked with operating in the warm zone (within 3m) at a water rescue incident.
- 2) Swiftwater and Flood First Responders : (2016 Carrick-on-Suir Fire Crew). One of the main roles of a First Responder is to support the teams of Swiftwater Rescue Technicians as well as being prepared to work around the water and undertake bank based and shallow water wading rescues.
- 3) Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician: (Clonmel Fire Crew) This level of training

is intended for personnel who may be required to carry out rescues in a Swiftwater and flood environment, this is the highest level of training provided to Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service and allows for our fire-fighters to enter the water and effect a rescue.

Since 2017 Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service are the only retained fire service in Ireland to obtain Agency Training Provider status through Rescue 3 Europe, which means we have the ability to deliver courses to our own staff, which will then obtain an internationally recognised certificate through Rescue 3 Europe. We currently have two instructors delivering these courses (including the only female Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician Instructor in the Ireland). Both initial and recertification courses are run throughout the year.

In 2021 it is intended to train and qualify firefighters in Cahir Fire Station to Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician level, providing the Cahir area with a faster response to water based rescues. This decision was based on a review and assessment of the river and waterways around Cahir.

Swiftwater and Flood Rescues are a highly technical and advanced rescue in a very dynamic environment which leave little or no room for error and therefore must only be performed by highly trained personnel within the Fire service. Over the past 8 years we have seen time and time again the benefits of this training not only to the Fire Service but to the communities we try to protect.



Civil Defence

Activities	COVID -19 Response
Response	Tipperary Civil Defence remains heavily involved in the response to the current COVID-19 crisis. Our involvement includes - patient transfers, Meals on Wheels, community support, assistance to the Local Authority and The National Ambulance Service and HSE. Assistance has also been provided to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service at blood donation clinics.
Patient Transfers and Transport	Civil Defence EMT practitioners and volunteers continue to assist vulnerable persons with the provision of transport for routine medical procedures and appointments. Referrals come directly from the HSE and from local doctors.
Blood Transfusion Board	Tipperary Civil Defence has been providing assistance and backup to the Blood transfusion Board at Blood Donation clinics throughout the County. Volunteers provide a meet and greet and first line questionnaire for those attending to donate blood.

Community Support	
Meals on Wheels	Civil Defence is currently providing assistance to Clonmel Meals on Wheels in the delivery of hot meals to the local community. One Jeep and 2 volunteers are active Monday to Friday
Assistance to HSE	Members are heavily involved in assisting the HSE in the COVID-19 test centre in Munroe, Clonmel. Volunteers have been preparing the testing kits for medical staff in the centre and also in the preparation of patient information packs for patients who are receiving COVID-19 tests.
Training	Essential & mandatory training of our volunteers in Cardiac First Responder, First Aid Responder and missing person search skills training continue in a controlled manner adhering to COVID-19 compliance protocols.
Community Response	Tipperary Civil Defence continues to support calls for the collection and delivery of essential medications and medical items.

Health & Safety	
Risk Assessment Review	Civil Defence has currently reviewed all risk assessments, and our Ancillary Safety Statement. COVID-19 compliant documentation is in place at all our training centres and in our vehicles. Volunteer have undergone training both face to face and on-line in relation to COVID-19 related activities



Civil Defence Volunteers providing assistance to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service Blood Donation Clinics

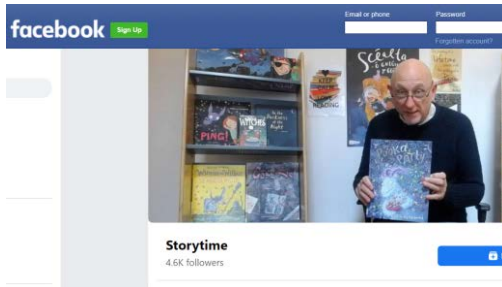


Civil Defence Ambulance involved in patient transport supporting the HSE



Volunteers proving assistance to the HSE to prepare testing kits

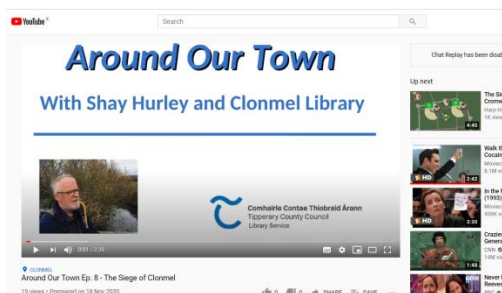
Library Service



- Clonmel Library has been holding online weekly storytime sessions. These take place on the Library Facebook page every Thursday at 4:00pm. and have received consistently high viewing numbers.



- Clonmel Library held online zoom quizzes in October with five local primary schools as part of the Children's Book Festival.
- The staff in Clonmel Library have commenced an online book review podcast which has proven very popular. These reviews can be heard at the following link:
<https://soundcloud.com/tipperary-libraries/popular-tracks>



- Staff at Clonmel Library and local historian, Shay Hurley have collaborated to create a new online video series entitled "Around our town". This series explores the historical sites of Clonmel and can be viewed at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXDABCEfl2o&t=21s>



Nenagh Library Family Movie Club.
Tipperary County Council Library Service
28 September

- Nenagh Library held a family movie night on 2nd October. Library users were able to collect the DVD and popcorn from the library. They then filled out a review of the film and some users participated in a zoom chat with library staff.



- Nenagh Library held four science challenges during the month of November. Each week, a video challenge was posted on the Library Facebook page. This was organised in conjunction with the Tipperary Festival of Science as part of Science Week.
- An online talk entitled **Autism Awareness and Understanding** by Fiona Ferris, Deputy Chief

Executive of AsIAM took place on 25th November. Over 140 views were recorded.

- An online Citizens Dialogue took place in Nenagh Library on 22nd October as part of the EU Direct Programme. The theme was “**A New Push for European Democracy - Is Europe doing enough to protect its democracy?**” The speakers on the night were **Mary C. Murphy**, Lecturer in politics, Department of Government and Politics, UCC and **Andy Klom**, Deputy Head of the European Commission Representation in Ireland. The moderator was local journalist, Iva Pocock.

Nenagh EDIC Presents:
"A Europe Fit for the Digital Age"

Mihai Bilauca
Principal Officer, Head of ICT/Digital
Department of Housing, Local Government
and Heritage, Government of Ireland

Stephen Kinsella
Associate Professor of Economics,
UL

Patrick Reidy
Business Development Manager at
Confirm Smart Manufacturing, UL

MaryAnn Vaughan
Moderator
News Editor

Join the conversation live Thursday 19 November @ 7pm
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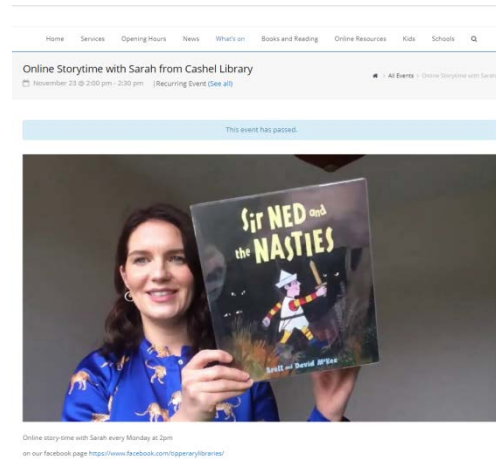
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Library Service

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- Roscrea Library organised a series of zoom video book reading by well known children's authors to local schools as part of Children's Book Festival in October. These included

Megan Wynne who read to Corville NS on 5th October, Alan Nolan who read to Sacred Heart School on 6th October, Róisín Meaney who read to Scoil Eoin Naofa on 8th October and Sinead O’Hart who read to Corville NS on 15th October.



- Cashel Library has been holding online weekly storytime sessions with Library staff member, Sarah Darcy. These take place on the Library Facebook page every Monday at 2pm. and have received consistently high viewing numbers.
- Staff at Cashel Library organised a series of coding classes for children. These took place during the mid-term break from 27th-30th October.

Cashel Library Online Halloween Workshop

AGES: 7-10years

Workshop 1
Wednesday 28th October
2.30pm

Workshop 2
Friday 30th October
2.30pm

Join us on our Facebook page
Tipperary County Council
Library Service

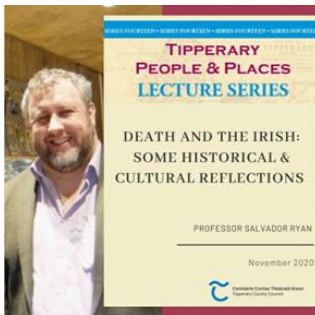
All Materials needed will be listed on our Facebook page prior to the event!

You must have parental consent & supervision to view our workshops!

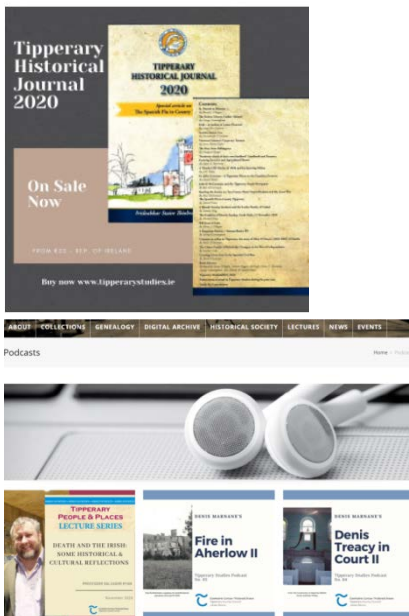
Call 066-82156 for further details

- Cashel Library organised online Halloween workshops on 28th and 30th October and both had high viewing numbers.

- Tipperary Studies have recommenced the **People and Places** lecture series in October. The lectures are currently taking place online. The first lecture took place on 14th October with Denis G. Marnane giving a lecture entitled '**Sean Treacy 1895- 1920: A life for Ireland**'. The second lecture took place on 26th November with Dr Salvador Ryan giving a lecture entitled '**Death and the Irish: Some historical and cultural Reflections**'.



- The Tipperary Historical Journal 2020 is now published and has been distributed to members.



- The Tipperary Studies Weekly Podcast (www.tipperarystudies.ie) series continues to attract new listeners. There are now over 70 podcasts available on a variety of historical matters relating to County Tipperary

Arts Service



- Culture Night Tipperary 2020 was seen by the Tipperary Arts Office as an opportunity to support artists in the county, to highlight and showcase the range of creative work taking place in the county and to be a catalyst for the development of new work. Taking a curatorial approach we developed a programme which was a mix of online and live events in the event that we were unable to present live events. In order to host our online offer we developed a Tipperary Culture Night website www.culturenighttipperary.ie and all events were also linked to the national Culture Night website.



Three approaches were taken to developing new work:

- Curated commissioning across artforms

- An open call for commissions for Tipperary Artists
- Partnership programme with Arts Centres & Venues
- In total 36 artists were involved in the delivery of Culture Night Tipperary 2020.



The new work developed by Tipperary Artists pushed boundaries (Laurence O'Dwyer, poet, collaborated with a Swedish gamer to develop an interactive book accessed through an APP) and methods of presentation (Iseli-Chiodi presented a new dance work through glass screens, inverting the location of audience and performer). Poet Eleanor Hooker presented a poetry walk which was also pre-recorded for audiences to access by mobile phone as a self directed poetry stroll and visitors to Templemore Town Park discovered temporary artworks by artist Lynn Kirkham in the forest park. Dance artist Rita Marcalo presented a virtual reality choreography experienced through a mobile phone in Cloughjordan.

- **Anthem (for all of us)** is a collaboration between a group of participants in St. Cronan's, Roscrea, artist Tess Leak and songwriter/musician Liz Clark which was supported by Tipperary County Council as a link project to maintain communication and

creative relationships among the group during the pandemic and between funding applications to further develop their work together.



Artist Tess Leak collaborated with the group and songwriter Liz Clark in the autumn of 2020 to create an 'Anthem (for all of us)' a collectively made song about their experience of 'lockdown' this year. The Anthem (a 'rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause') evolved out of short poems created during '1-to-1' conversations between the participants and Tess. These conversations took place online due to restrictions and the group then worked with Songwriter Liz Clark to set these short poems to music, in the form of a song (an 'Anthem for all of us'). The Anthem is currently being rehearsed by the group online and will be recorded in early December for everyone to have a record of the event. When possible, the Anthem will be performed at the centre for friends and staff of St. Cronan's.

- Now in its 12th year, the **switch contemporary art exhibition** is an artist-led project which places

contemporary video art in the public streetscape. Switch 2020 was due to take place in early November but will now take place from 9th-16th December due to Covid-19 restrictions. Since 2008 the switch art project has shown 97 video works on the streets of Nenagh from Irish and International artists and this year will add an additional visual attraction to the streets of the town in the lead in to the Christmas period.



- Working with our arts partners across the county, Culture Night Tipperary was re-imagined and re-created by Tipperary artists this year showcasing the wealth of artistic talent we have here within the County. 14 Online and 28 Offline events were presented engaging with an audience of 3009 people between online and in person attendance at events.

Heritage Service

Heritage Actions

- The County Heritage Plan actions for 2020 have all been completed with the following outputs.
- Graves of the Leinstermen photogrammetric survey was completed during the summer and the results were very positive with a lot of previously unknown data discovered.
- A Raising Awareness programme formed part of this year's project and while it was heavily impacted by Covid 19 and the subsequent lockdown; by revising our programme a number of outputs were secured. These included a podcast on the War of Independence in Nenagh as part of Nenagh 800 with Nenagh MD and a brochure on Nenagh Castle. We also sponsored a series on Local place names with Tipp FM as well as a series of talks and workshops spread through the year.



- Training videos were completed on 'Birds and Wildlife in houses' with Birdwatch Ireland and Insect monitoring with the National Biodiversity Data Centre
- National Biodiversity Actions for 2020 included
- A second phase of our Himalayan Balsam eradication programme with Offaly Heritage Office has been

completed on the Little Brosna River near Roscrea.

- Upgraded facilities for the Cabragh Wetlands Centre to improve the birdwatching experience.
- Additional funding for Biodiversity Actions under the July jobs stimulus fund was secured and we purchased native Irish Wildflower seed with the Environment section for their Marts and Tidy Towns wildflower programme. We also completed an exhibition on Invasive Species on the IAS list which has been reported in Tipperary to raise awareness.

Community Monuments Fund 2020

- Funding for archaeological monuments was announced in September as part of the July Jobs Stimulus Fund. This is a most welcome scheme and has long been advocated for. The options for application were under 3 streams and the funding was 100 %. Applications were made by Local Authority and private landowners with monuments on their land could also apply but through the Local Authority as well. We were successful in getting a project funded in all 3 categories and these included



- Capital works on Pallas Church Dorrha, to stabilise the ruins of a medieval church. The Heritage

Office has been looking for a funding stream for a while for this for some time. Due to the extremely tight timeline all works applied for could not be carried out in the allocated time so the project has been divided into 2 phases and will complete in 2021.

- A conservation management plan has been completed for Carney Castle
- A reconstruction drawing of the monastic site at Emly has been prepared for an interpretation panel.
- This scheme will run again in 2021 and are the heritage officer is currently looking at possible applications.

Creative Ireland Programme:

The Creative Ireland Programme is coordinated by the Heritage Officer and overseen by the Cultural team of Libraries, Heritage, Arts and the Museum

- The shadow of Covid was also felt by our Creative Communities, the work carried out by all our Creative Communities under difficult conditions and circumstances this year must be acknowledged. With additional funding from Creative Ireland under the Jobs Stimulus package the heritage office was able to hold a series of Covid-19 friendly concerts around the county in a number of residential homes and support two film bursaries in the new regional scheme. We are also working with a production company on a programme about music and culture in the county.
- Other projects that were completed this year included local Connections with Print Van Go and Tipperary Local Link bus service, Cloughjordan Circus Club wires

crossed project. Community Engagement programmes for the Clonmel Junction Festival, Cashel Arts Festival and Dromineer Literary Festival were also supported and Stagecraft Clonmel, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Burncourt Community Council, Old School Mining Museum, Digital Heritage Aid and Tipperary Dance Festival all received funds for community engagement projects.

- Further details on this year's programme in Tipperary are available on <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/tipperary/>

Commemorations Programme:

- The centenary of Bloody Sunday took place on the third weekend in November and unfortunately the lockdown meant that many events planned could not go ahead. A podcast is available on the History Ireland website, Bloody Sunday from a Tipperary perspective and a travelling exhibition will tour Civic buildings and libraries once the restrictions are eased.
- The Heritage Office will be launching our Community Commemorations Scheme for 2021 in early January.
- Tree Project hosted an event following funding for a hedge laying project earlier in the year.
- Cloughjordan Circus Club featured on a specially commissioned podcast 'My Creative Life' for Cruinniú na nÓg.
- All future projects that received funding under our Creative Ireland Open Call Scheme and Community Grant schemes are progressing with some amendments due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Museum Service



Reopening of Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

- The Museum will reopen to the public on 2nd December after Guidance from the Government recommended that Museums and Galleries can open in Levels 1 – 3.



Jayne Sutcliff, Collections Officer with Ryan Tubridy on Late Late Show.



Bloody Sunday Jersey on Late Late Show: Curator Marie McMahon with Michael Foley, Author of 'Bloodied Fields'.

- The Museum was invited to display The Bloody Sunday (Hogan Jersey) on the Late Late Show in late November as part of the Bloody Sunday commemoration. The Museum received very positive publicity through photographs of

Ryan Tubridy with the Jersey in local and national press.

- The Museum’s ‘War of Independence’ exhibition has been delayed due to COVID restrictions, however it is hoped to launch the exhibition in early Jan 2021. To date the conservation of material has been completed, the interior installed and the bespoke cases delivered.
- The Museum is currently developing its new website and rolling out education initiatives online. Our audiences have diversified and are viewing / listening from across the globe, UK, Australia, USA & Europe.



- The Museum celebrated its 20th Anniversary this year with the launch of ‘Rediscovery of Mick Delahunty's Lost Recordings’. To date we have sent out over 700 copies to cocooning families and individuals.
- The Museum Curator is meeting with Minister O’ Brien at Heritage Council HQ on Thursday 3rd Dec to publicise their successful application to the Heritage Council to fund the conservation of textiles relating to the Decade of Centenaries. This is

another positive event to highlight Tipperary County Councils Cultural Services.

- Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and Tipperary County Council Workplace Partnership Forum took the lead on motivating our own frontline staff to coordinate a series of crosswords, music trivia, word searches and history quizzes for TCC staff. A new series of Mindfulness and Sports live online sessions are currently underway.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division										
Year to Date 31st October 2020										
		EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	31,274,371	33,789,894	93%	2,515,523	30,418,330	34,216,360	89%	3,798,030	(856,040)
B	Road Transport & Safety	45,629,948	52,874,517	86%	7,244,569	30,752,188	35,705,020	86%	4,952,832	(14,877,760)
C	Water Services	11,267,891	14,339,131	79%	3,071,240	10,713,243	13,887,502	77%	3,174,259	(554,648)
D	Development	29,156,229	13,310,691	219%	(15,845,538)	22,747,274	4,765,462	477%	(17,981,812)	(6,408,955)
E	Management Environmental Services	21,273,711	27,554,455	77%	6,280,744	7,937,537	10,667,608	74%	2,730,071	(13,336,174)
F	Recreation & Amenity	10,547,711	13,446,449	78%	2,898,738	1,719,811	2,807,128	61%	1,087,317	(8,827,900)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Miscellaneous	1,261,626	1,862,632	68%	601,006	899,139	1,268,976	71%	369,837	(362,487)
H	Services	14,315,868	16,536,161	87%	2,220,293	6,377,478	7,460,995	85%	1,083,517	(7,938,389)
L	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	22,614,133	27,136,959	83%	4,522,827	22,614,133
R	Rates	0	0	0%	0	29,831,599	35,797,920	83%	5,966,321	29,831,599
A		164,727,35								
	Totals	5	173,713,930	95%	8,986,575	164,010,733	173,713,930	94%	9,703,197	(716,622)



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st October 2020

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	22,832,984	21,133,955
B Road Transport & Safety	9,340,291	8,230,520
C Water Services	2,815,108	2,624,009
D Development Management	7,062,615	9,678,608
E Environmental Services	1,574,458	289,911
F Recreation & Amenity	770,063	274,249
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	47,874	-
H Miscellaneous Services	1,692,202	2,195,749
Total	46,135,596	44,427,000

Collection Rates	YTD 202010	YTD 201910	YTD 201912
Rates	63%*	65%	83%**
Rents	97%	96%	95%
Housing Loans	94%	89%	90%

*Collection rate to end October takes account of rates waiver of €11.1m, final figure to be agreed with Dept.
** Year-end collection rate is as per AFS, and takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the end of October figures

COMMERCIAL RATES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic outfall, with many businesses closed or severely restricted, Tipperary County Council did not issue the majority of Rate Demands for 2020 until late June.

This has had a severe impact on our Rates Collection figures. At 30/11/2020 our cash collected is down by €5.6m compared to the similar period in 2019. (€20.7m v €26.3m)

The Total Amount of Rates demanded was €35,801,345.

COMMERCIAL RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The Waiver Scheme for Commercial Rates applies to all businesses, subject to certain exceptions. These exceptions include vacant property, windfarms, global utility networks, banks, building societies, public service and individual properties where the rate bill is in excess of €100,000. The duration of the waiver has been extended to cover a nine month period.

We have commenced applying the Waiver to customer accounts. It is expected that the waiver will be in the region of €12.6m for 2020.

RE-START GRANT SCHEME

Revenue Section has almost completed processing applications for the ReStart Grants.

€6,545,378 has been paid out on 2,105 applications for the 1st ReStart Grant.

€13,799,837 has been paid out 2,165 applications for the ReStart Plus Grant. This includes Top Ups for the “Wet Pubs” and the additional 30% Top Up.

A further €37,519 has been approved for payment, with 5 cases to be finalised on receipt of further information.

The total of the various grants amounts to €20,382,734.

The ReStart Grants have now been replaced by the CRSS scheme which is administered by the Revenue Commissioners.

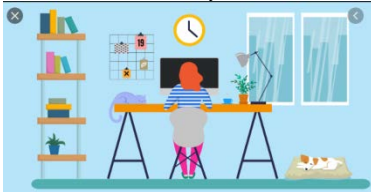
EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES

It has been decided not to implement The Early Payment scheme for 2020 to reflect the current situation with Covid-19 and the Rates Waiver scheme.

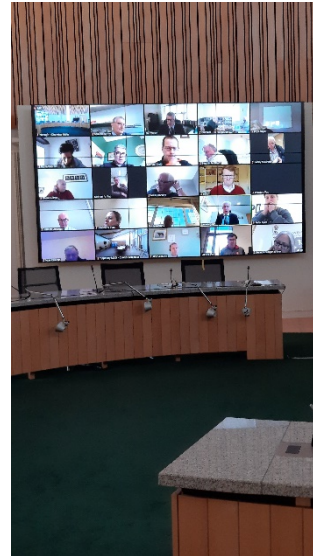
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Networks & Infrastructure

- Awarded the contract for a new unified central phone system for the organisation. Commenced implementation of the project.
- Assisted with the major electrical works & generator install project in Civic Offices Clonmel – this involves major downtimes over a three month basis, mostly at weekends.
- Facilitated the new comms room in Civic Offices Clonmel - go live is scheduled for weekend of 11th December.
- Progressed work on the new UPS infrastructure in server room Clonmel - go live is scheduled for weekend of 4th December
- Continued to deploy laptops and desktops to facilitate remote working.
- Continued to support staff who have the facility to work remotely from home.



- Continued to upgrade our Microsoft Office estate to MS Office 2019.
- Continued to upgrade our Windows 7 PCs to Windows 10 in line with our Windows upgrade programme.
- Provided IT advice and assistance to the Tipp Town Revitalisation Project
- Provided IT assistance to the Carrick on Suir Business Association Digital Hub – assisted with Comms connections to new Hub.
- Rolled out 2 additional video conferencing suites
- Commenced deployment of new core network infrastructure
- Facilitated virtual Budget Workshop for Council Members & Staff via Zoom video conferencing



- Issued request for tenders for a refresh of the data centre infrastructure in Nenagh

Web Site and eDevelopment

- Developed and continued to support the ReStart and ReStart + payments, with in-house system for online gathering and internal processing/reporting.
- Provided Online Submission and redaction/publishing system with report creation, for the County Development Plan.
- Continued with website development for the Keep Well Covid Campaign- <http://www.tipperarycoco.ie/keepwell>
- Developed website to list online shopping options available in Tipperary during lockdown. 460 businesses listed by category and location <http://shop.localtipperary.ie>
- Provided Social media campaign management for Tipperary Foreign Direct Investment.
- Provided support for Culture Night virtual events
- Provided further web consultations for various sections such as Roads, MDs, Planning etc. – provided Video/Audio content/online forms (Thurles Renewal Strategy/Ormond Castle park

Scheme/N24-N74 TippTown Road Improvement Scheme).

- Implemented Opt-in Cookie policy for all websites in line with GDPR Requirements.

Business Systems and GIS

Planning

- Continued to facilitate and support the piloting of the national online planning project (ePlan).
- Upgraded the internal Planning Enquiry System
- Upgraded the external Planning Enquiry (website version)
- Added EPA Noise Pollution data to GIS system, and created a new map for the Heritage Officer
- Facilitated Third Party Requests for OSI Data i.e. N24 Project
- Tested moving Preplan system to a new server, and investigated options for new Enforcement System

Environment

- Updated the Environment Apps viewer and digitizer
- Migrated LabWorks migrated to new server and SQL environment

Finance

- Assisted with eInvoicing testing (Agresso) and Lighthouse



Housing

- Facilitated upgrade of iHouse and link with DEASP
- Migrated the Rental Accommodation System to a new server
- Investigated the use of MyGovID for the new Choice Based Letting System

Corporate/Organisation/HR

- Translated the Property Register Data into Sql spatial format
- Updated GeoDirectory
- Upgraded AutoCAD upgraded to single user licenses
- Completed the upgrade of swimming pool systems and install of chip & pins
- Facilitated upgrade of iReg and migrated it to a new server
- Facilitated the rollout of additional smart phones/devices
- Progressed online eLearning for H&S and HR requirements
- Completed User acceptance testing for new CRM 2015, provision of a new live environment also progressed.

Technical Support

Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members, for business, web, geographical, desktop and network systems.

